GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NH PROJECTS IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of four-laning of east-west corridor in North-East, particularly in Assam;

(b) the details of by-passes and bridges constructed/proposed to be constructed in the region, location-wise;

(c) whether the whole of NH-37 and 52 in the region has been converted into two-lane under SARDP and are in traffic worthy conditions;

(d) if not, the steps taken in this regard;

(e) whether the Government proposes to extend the four-laning of NH upto the border of Bordumsa, Margherita and from Dibrugarh to Jairampur; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and time-frame fixed for the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) : The entire 678 km of National Highway (NH) length of east-west corridor in North-East lies in Assam. The four laning project has been awarded to various contractors, except 31 km and construction is in progress. Overall progress of the project is 7.3%.

(b): The information in respect of NHs is being collected from concerned agencies and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) & (d): The entire stretch of NH-37 is already 2-lane except for 8.92 km, which is less than 2-lane. 2-laning of the remaining portion of NH-37 is not included in SARDP-NE. Baihatacharli (km 0) to North Lakhimpur (km 345) section of NH 52 is already 2-lane and the portions from North Lakhimpur to Jonai (km 510) and Dirak (km 845) to Rupai (km 876) in Assam have been sanctioned under Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East (SARDP-NE) for 2-lane with paved shoulders and target date of completion is March, 2009. Widening to 2-lane of Jonai −Dirak section of NH 52 in Arunachal Pradesh is included in Phase 'B' of SARDP-NE, which has been approved by Government for preparation of Detailed Project Reports only. NH-37 and NH-52 are maintained in traffic worthy condition within the availability of limited funds.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.